

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendments are not believed to raise new issues.

Claim 1 has been amended to add that the yarn is suitable for "weaving or knitting into fabric." This is consistent with original claim 26 and with the Specification at page 16, lines 19-21, as well as with the disclosure throughout that the yarn of the invention is generally useful for forming fabric (e.g., p. 10, l. 26; p. 11, l. 25; p. 12, l. 21; claim 19).

Claim 18 has been amended to correct its dependency; the prior amendment of claim 15 makes it no longer a proper parent claim for claim 18.

It is respectfully requested that the case be passed to issue. Should the Examiner have questions or suggestions, he is urged to call applicant's undersigned attorney at 314-238-2400, extension 426.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201.

Respectfully submitted,

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